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The Best of Teachers' Web Tools

All the web tools teachers need to integrate technology into their teaching

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This eBook features some of the best web tools you might need in your work as a teacher. It covers a wide variety of web applications from digital storytelling to bibliography tools, all amassed in one single place.

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Introduction

Technology is radically transforming every aspect of education : reading and interacting with the web; writing memos and sending emails; computing with spreadsheets and statistical analysis programs; analyzing problems with data visualization tools; creating social networking sites; teaching with digital video tools; making presentations using web-based services. These and many other changes are but a drop in the ocean of what is predicted to come next particularly with the embrace of mobile learning inside our schools. It is a pressing necessity that teachers, educators, and curriculum designers start reconceptualising the place of this technology within the curriculum. A new set of goals should be set as to what we want our students to achieve through their learning. Are we going to produce grade focused learners who would regurgitate what we teach them in the class and spew it back in the exam sheet or are we forming a generation of critical thinkers and collaborators , learners without borders?

Much of human knowledge has already found its way onto the web. Students (and some teachers as well) will need to develop skills to find the information they are looking for, to evaluate its usefulness and quality, and to synthesize the information they glean from the different sources they locate. The nature of the learning materials has also changed: basic composition is being replaced by production of multimedia documents which include text, graphics, videos, images, animations, simulations, and many other forms of visual displays of data. Our students need to learn how to understand and produce in all these different communication multimedia. This can never be achieved unless we , the teachers and educators, have a strong and committed dedication to the use of web technologies in our classrooms. We are living in a digitally focused world where there is a huge dependence on technology and to teach today's digital natives as we were taught yesterday is robbing them of their tomorrow (John Dewy), a fact which aligns with the core purpose of education that is the lighting of a fire and not the filling of a pail.

This eBook is created with you and your teaching and learning needs in our mind. It is supposed to provide you with a clear roadmap to guide you through the different steps of technology integration in your classroom. It features all the necessary tools you will need to carry on this job. We have divided these tools into different categories to make it easy for you to target specific skills you need to work on.

Digital Story Telling Web tools

Telling a story is a powerful way to communicate with others. It is not only about communication but it is also a matter of effective learning. Kids tend to learn more when engaging in digital storytelling. And when this storytelling is combined with a set of powerful digital tools it becomes a truly authentic learning experience that helps students develop a wide range of intellectual skills.

Here some of the pluses of digital storytelling in education :

- It develops creativity and critical thinking
- Students who are shy or afraid to talk in class get a chance to speak out their minds
- It empowers students voice to deliver rich, deep message that is capable of conveying a powerful message.
- It helps students explore the meaning of their own experience, give value to it, and communicate that experience with others.
- It promotes the notions of life long learning and independent learning
- It develops students communicative skills
- It is a reflective process that helps students reflect upon their learning and find deep connections with the subject matter of a course or with an out-of-class experience.
- It fosters students sense of individuality
- It also gives students an opportunity to experiment with self-representation and establish their identity
- Students creating digital stories develop proficiency with multimedia applications

There are actually several tools to create a digital story. Here are some of the best ones available online.

ZimmerTwins

It is all about creative storytelling. ZimmerTwins is a web2.0 tool that allows students to give vent to their imaginative powers and exercise their storytelling skills from early stages to advances ones.

Digital Story Telling in The Classroom

This web service provides resources and materials for teachers to use with their students in storytelling. It helps students personalize their learning and perform better. Students can use these materials to create a movie or interactive slideshow to tell their stories.

Story Bird

This is an awesome website that allows students and teachers to create short art inspired stories to read, share or print out.

Someries

Someries is a fantastic storytelling site . It has a continuous flow of new stories, read aloud by kids . The stories are all made by kids and for kids, learners of English can benefit a lot from this site too . Some of the videos in Someries are subtitled so that kids can both read and listen to what they read .

5- PicLits
This is another awesome website where students can choose a picture and start drawing or writing a text on it to create a story.

Generator
This is a creative studio space where students explore the moving image and create their own digital stories to share with others.

Capzles
This is where you and your students can create rich multimedia stories with videos, photos, music, blogs and documents. It is really awesome.

Slidestory
This is a free digital story telling tool that students can use to combine sharing pictures and narration to create awesome presentations and stories to share with others.

Domo Animate

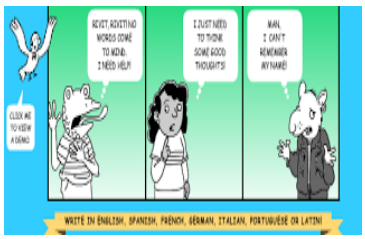
This is one of the best digital story telling tools online . It allows students to create animated stories and provides them with a wide variety of background and characters to use.

Animoto

This is also a very popular tool but its paid versions offer much more than its free basic plan that only allows for creating 30 second videos. These videos can combine images, songs, and text.

Smilebox

This is a great website that provides hundreds of customizable designs for students and teachers to create their own stories that can comprise photos, videos, words and music.



Make Belief Comix

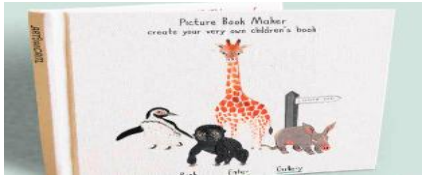
As its name suggests, this tool allows users to create stories out of comic strips and share them with others The process is very easy to use and is very student friendly

Creaza
Creaza has a nice tool called Cartoonist where students can create their own stories using cartoonic characters. Watch the video in there to learn how to use it.

Pixton
This is a tool that lets users create stories out of predefined cartoons and characters. It is so much fun and students will definitely love it.

Voice Thread
This is a collaborative, multimedia slide show that holds images, documents, and videos and allows users to navigate slides and create their own stories.

Comic master
This is a great website that allows users to create graphic novels and stories to share with others. It provides everything from templates to sharing tools.



Picture Book Maker
As its name suggests, this tools lets you create your very own children's book using a set of beautiful templates and pages.

Bubblr
This is a tool to help you create comic strips using photos from Flickr.com. Just search for the pictures you want and then add your bubbles.

Pinball
This is another great website for students and teachers to create digital stories. It has a set of tools to fire out ideas, mix them, and make quick decisions.

Mapskip
This website features several stories based on locations on Google map. The purpose is to create a weave of stories about the places in our lives. Users can join in for free and start marking up places in Google Maps with their own stories and photos. They can also browse each others' stories and can rate and discuss them.

ZooBurst
This is another great digital storytelling tool that lets anyone easily create his or her own 3D pop-up books. It has two plans one is basic and free and the other is paid and has more advanced features.

Video Tools

Animoto
Animoto is a great website. It allows users to create stunning videos using a simple process and without the need for advanced video editing knowledge. It also has an app for both Android and iOS.

Stupeflix
Stupeflix is another website you should consider when creating videos. It actually allows you to mix photos, videos and music to create awesome videos .It has a user friendly interface and is as simple as Animoto.

Vimeo
This is more of a video community than a creation tool. You can use it to host and upload your videos to share with others.

Xtranormal
This is a great website for making animated movies. It is one of my favorite and all you need to do is type your words and Xtranormal turns them into animated

clips.

vReal
This is a video software that you can download into your computer. It lets you manage your videos, edit them and add effects before sharing them with others.

Pixorial
Pixorial allows users to create videos, add titles, transitions, overlay text and music. It also has a unique feature which is that of storing videos in Google Drive.

Viewbix
Viewbix lets you add interactive apps to your videos that engage viewers and drive calls to action.

Overstream
Overstream makes it easy to for you to add subtitles for online videos. Watch the tutorial it featured on its homepage to learn how to add subtitles to videos

WeVideo
WeVideo is another popular video website. It basically provides different editing features and it syncs with Google Drive as well.

Magisto
Magisto is a video editing web tool that you can use to turn plain videos into beautifully produced movies.

Sticky Notes Tools

Wall Wisher
This is my favourite among them all. It allows you to add music, text, video and more. It also lets you make your wall either public or private.

Stixy
Stixy is another great tool that lets users create their own notes and stick them to a clipboard and also share them with others. You can also share documents, photos and to-do-lists.

Popplet

Popplet is a unique web2.0 tool . It is one of the best applications for visual ideas . It combines presentations , mind mapping and online bulletins.

Linoit

Linoit is a free sticky and canvas service that does not require anything but a web browser . Linoit is pretty much like Wallwisher.

Corkboard

Corkboard allows you to create corkboards to help you organize your postings . For instance you can create 'Books I Read' Corkboard and put all of your books related postings in there . It is very handy and practical and above all it is free to use .

Primary Wall

Primary Wall is created with elementary school students in mind .It allows users to organize their notes in such an easy way that no extra or advanced technology knowledge is needed .

Discovery Box
Discovery Box is a web2.0 tool to collect items in a virtual box . It allows you to build up an argument or description of an event, person or historical period by placing items in a virtual box. You can display anything from a text file to a movie.

Stickr
Stickr allows users to create sticky notes about any webage. These notes are saved into the user`s Stickr account where they can be used as bookmarks.

Noterr
This is a great sticky note tool that lets users arrange their note on a canvas then share it with others.

Spaaze
Spaaze is another free sticky note platform where users can organize their notes which can be simple text or videos, images and also links.

Listings
Listings is a cool website that allows users to take notes from browser, and also share and collaborate with others in real time.

Scrumblr
This is a tool that provides online free space to create and share sticky notes with a group.

Mind mapping Tools

Mind mapping. concept mapping, or brainstorming are three different names with almost the same meaning : collecting, organizing , and representing ideas, tasks, words, or other items linked to and arranged around a central key word or idea into a mind map diagram . Whichever kind of mapping you want to label it , web 2.0 has some free tools for you to help you perform it. I have meticulously compiled a list of some of the best free mapping tools for teachers and students to use.

Some pluses of using mind mapping tools in education :

The following are some of the advantages of using mind mapping tools in education :

- Mind mapping enables teachers to manipulate ideas and concepts with great ease and flexibility
- It helps present information in a visually attracting and comprehensive way
- Its organizational structure helps students understand and communicate their knowledge effectively
- Teachers can use it to manage their classes and activities
- It helps teachers summarize, organize, and present lecture information
- It can be used by both teachers and students to create tutorials and explain hard to grasp concepts
- Visual maps get students attention and focus
- It promotes active note taking, thinking, and learning skills
- It fosters inquiry and problem solving

Here is a list of free mind mapping tools for teachers :

SpiderScribe
This is a great mind mapping tool that allows users to easily visualize their ideas by connecting various pieces of information together and creating free style maps. It also combines elements like text, images, files, calendar events and geographic locations.

Edistorm
Edistorm is a great web2.0 tool for educators. It allows you to work on your ideas during a structured brainstorming and organize them into sticky notes for others to see . It has two plans one is free and limited and the other is paid.

Wridea

Wridea is an idea management service and a brainstorming tool . It allows its users to Create new idea entries in seconds, update details, discuss in depth with your friends and organize your data under different categories. Wridea can be a very useful tool for teachers and students .

Wise Mapping

Wise Mapping is a free online mind maps editor that allows you to create and share your mind maps with others. It also lets its users create and edit colourful and complex mind maps using just mouse and keyword.

Lucid Chart

Lucid Chart is a flowcharts and mind map making tool . It uses simple drag and drop technique to draw charts and even lets users upload their images into diagrams. It has both free and pro plans. Free as you know is always limited.

Text 2 Mind Map

Text 2 Mind Map is a cool website . It is an application that converts texts to mind maps

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Spicynodes
It allows its users to create a visually attractive nodes for their blogs, websites or wikis . Nodes are visually displayed pieces of information that help visitors easily navigate the content of your site so that they find what they are looking for with the minimum time possible . Check out this example of a Spicynode I created for this blog.

Mind42
This is a browser-based online mind mapping application that allows you to keep track of all your ideas and create easy mind maps .It does not require any download or installation software , just log to your browser and launch the application .

Popplet
It is one of the best applications for visual ideas . It combines presentations , mind mapping and online bulletins. It also allows users to integrate text, image, video, and Google maps and use it as a bulletin board to record thoughts and many more.

ChartTool
ChartTool is a great tool from Google. This is basically a free service that allows users to create awesome charts and graphics. It has a rich gallery of charts of varying formats. Users can choose from Line charts, Bar charts, Pie charts, Map charts, Scatter charts, Venn charts, QR codes, and Google-O-Meter charts. Once you select a chart you can then customize it the way you want.

Chartle
Chartle is a great web tool that allows users to easily and instantly create interactive charts. These charts can be used on your classroom blog or website and can also be printed out. Chartle has some very interesting features and is very easy to use.The only thing you will need to start using Chartle is to have Java activated on your browser.

Slatebox
Slatebox is another great presentation and online mind mapping tool . It allows its users the freedom to create as many nodes and maps as possible . It has both free and pro accounts

Gliffy
Gliffy is a diagram making web2.0 tool . It allows you to create great looking diagrams and drawings in a snap . It is similar to Bubbl.us .

Creately
Creately is an online diagraming and design application that is very easy to use . It offers a great way of working with teams in multiple locations and on several projects .It has both a free and premium version and of course the paid version has always more features to work with .

Diagram.ly

Diagram.ly is a free product of Jgraph , a company devoted to developing graph visualization software and web services. Diagram.ly is a very handy and useful tool for creating diagrams using clip arts and pre drawn shapes .

Mindomo

This one here has several other features such as clipart library, importing images from Google images or Flickr , and using video straight from YouTube. It has both free and pro accounts.

Mindmeister

This is also a great mind mapping tool that allows users to include icons, notes, links, attachment, and images into their diagrams. The free version has several ads and allows only for three maps.

Note Taking Tools

mySchoolNotebook

mySchoolNotebook is a great note taking tool for students. It, as its name suggests, allows its users to instantly take and edit their notes. Students can use this tool to save and access their noets wherever they are with an internet connection. It even has a mobile app for the Android, iPhone, and iPad.

Nottez

Nottez is a great note taking app for educators and teachers. You can use it to take and save notes online at the instant of a click. Just keep in mind that it does require a sign up.

Gumnotes

Gumnotes is a great note taking tool that allows its users to easily stick notes to their documents. It also allows for note taking. You can add notes to websites in Firefox, Internet-Explorer and all other website-browsers. You can also annotate your documents in Word, Excel, and images.

Minutes.io
This is a free and simple service for recording minutes during a meeting and share them right away. You do not need to be a tech wizard to use it , it even does not necessitate an internet connection because your drafts are saved on your browser and when connectivity is there then you can send them

Catch
Catch is a great tool for both desktop and mobile devices. It allows its users to catch anything online and create out of it a bookmark ; be it a text note, voice note, or images.

Primary Wall
Primary Wall is a web based sticky note tool designed for collaborative note taking . It looks like a collaborative whiteboard but with more features.

iSearch Notes
This is an awesome tool that allows users particularly college students to share class notes. It requires a sign up.

Evernote
Evernote is one of the famous web2.0 tools online . It is a free application that allows its users to " capture anything , save your ideas , and access your information from anywhere using either a computer, or a phone and mobile devices.

Springpad
This is more or less like Evernote.It is one of the best platforms where you can quickly and easily save anything you want to remember. Springpad uses the power of the web to create really smart notes.

Presentation and Slideshows Making Tools

Creating presentations and slideshows is an important skill for both teachers and students.Below is a list of some of the best free tools teachers and students can use to create awesome slideshow and presentations.

SlideShare
It offers users the ability to upload and share publicly or privately PowerPoint presentations, Word documents and Adobe PDF Portfolios.

Animoto
Animoto turns your photos and video clips into professional video slideshows in minutes.

Knovio
Knovio gives life to static slides and with a simple click you will be able to turn them into rich video and audio presentations that you can share with your friends and colleagues via email or popular social media websites. Knovio does not require any software installation or download, it is all web based.

Ahead
Ahead is a great presentation tool for educators. It works in such a way that it instantly transforms your layouts into a zooming presentation.

HelloSlide
HelloSlide is a cool web tool that allows its users to create awesome slides together with voice narration.

Jux
Jux is one of the best showcase for your stories. You can embed videos and photos from your hard drive or from a URL.

Slidestaxx
Slidestaxx is a great presentation tool. It allows its users to create amazing social media slideshows. You can now gather media from different sources and put them together in an engaging slideshow using Slidestaxx to embed it in your blog, website or wiki.

Present.me
It allows its users to record and share their presentations using their webcams.

PhotoPeach
PhotoPeach is a free online service that allows you to create media rich slideshows.What I like the most about this tool is the fact that it supports background music.Integrating audio into photo slideshows makes them quite engaging and presentable

Slideboom
Slideboom is a slide hosting service where you can store your presentations and share them with the rest of the world.

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Zentation
Zentation is one of the best video presentation tools . It combines both videos and slides into presentations making out of them engaging pieces of multimedia in education .

Empressr
Empressr is a rich media presentation tool .It allows you to share and create high quality online slideshows and presentations .

VoiceThread
VoiceThread is a digital media discussion service . It allows you to create engaging interactive slideshows using different types of media .

Slidesix
It enables users to share multimedia presentations using a rich web based application where " they can import presentation material and personalize their message by narrating each slide with video or audio."

Zoho Show
It helps you create interactive presentations using simple yet sophisticated tools .It has several features that sets it apart from other presentation applications

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Prezentit
It allows its users to create alone or with others , share and show online memorable presentations . It is a very handy tool that we can use with our students .

Popplet
Popplet is a unique web2.0 tool . It is one of the best applications for visual ideas . It combines presentations , mind mapping and online bulletins.

AuthorStream
This is a platform for sharing PowerPoint presentations on the Internet. authorSTREAM makes it easier to share your PowerPoint slideshows through blogs, websites, on YouTube and even via iPOD.

SlideRocket
SlideRocket is an online web2.0 application that facilitates creating and sharing online presentations in the form of slides .

Prezi
Prezi is a cloud-based presentation software that opens up a new world between whiteboards and slides. The zoomable canvas makes it fun to explore ideas ..

Web Annotating Tools

Annotating tools are a must have for every teacher. I personally can't imagine myself surfing online with no web tools to help me annotate, highlight, clip, and share parts or segments of the web content I find interesting. Most of the browsers nowadays particularly Chrome and Firefox have specific extensions for this purpose. All you need to do is install one of them and there you go, with one click you can master the information you read.

Advantages of the use of annotation tools in education

Educause (2009) describes the following advantages of using annotation tools in education:

- The activity of adding reflections move students from being passive consumers of information to active readers engaged in scholarly discussions.
- Collaborative annotation tools offer new ways for students to work collaboratively to find and evaluate information, share ideas, and create knowledge.
- .Collaborative annotation tools facilitate the incremental growth of information as users review others' thoughts on a resource before adding their own. By providing the ability to designate who is allowed access to collections of resources, these tools reinforce the character of a cohesive group.

- .Because they are web-based, collaborative annotation applications can be made available to a global community, inviting experts in academic disciplines to provide valuable insight on students' efforts.
- .As students collectively annotate, organize, and add value to existing resources, they learn how to sift, evaluate, and contribute. When instructors use these tools over time, students' efforts might constitute an archive or library of remarks so that subsequent classes can benefit from the observations of their predecessors.

Diigo

Thisis my favorite tool. I use it both to annotate , collect, and highlight content I find online. It also has apps for both Android and iOS. I highly recommend this web tool .

Webnotes

Webnotes allows you to highlight and add notes to both web pages and PDFs. You can also use it to organize your bookmarks and share them with others.

Awesome Screenshot

This is an extension I use on Chrome to capture screenshots, annotate and add arrows and text boxes to them.

iCyte
This is a great research tool . You can use it to save your bookmarks and just like the previous tools, it lets you annotate and add notes to your web pages.

Bounce
This is a cool web tool that lets you take a snapshot of any webpage and add note to it before sharing it with others.

Mark.up
Mark.up lets you draw on any webpage with a variety of tools to express your thoughts, make a point or to just simply edit.

Screen Draw
This is an extension for Firefox users. Screen Draw lets you draw or type text over the top of any page in any colour or size and then save it to png or jpeg.

Draw Here
Use the Draw Here bookmarklet to draw on top of web pages while you are browsing the web. If you save your drawings, other Draw Here users will then be able to see your drawings when they go to the same page.

Bookmarking Web Tools

There are several web tools that can help us store, save , classify, curate, aggregate, organize , and share what we learn. Below is a list of some of the best social bookmarking websites online.

Diigo
This is one of my favorite bookmarking tool that I use almost daily. Diigo is very easy to use and has a bookmarklet that you can install on your browser and with one click you can save any web page you want. It also has a set of web annotation tools available for free.

Edshelf
Besides its being a directory of web tools and mobile apps, Edshelf is also a platform where you can sign up and start storing and organizing your web content. You can share it with others and explore what others share.

Scoop.it
This is another great web curation tool. It is free and has a user friendly interface. I use Scoop.it to curate web content I come across online.

Pinterest
This is a content sharing service that allows members to "pin" images, videos and other objects to their pinboards. Also includes standard social networking features.

Evernote
Probably all of you know about it.Evernote is a great tool to bookmark and capture anything you want from the web and save it to your account. With its mobile apps, you can access your saved content anywhere and anytime you want.

Livebinder
As its name indicates, Livebinder allows you to organize your resources into binders. You can either make these binders private or public for anyone else to access.

Historious
Historious saves you time by helping you find webpages you saw before. Bookmark sites with a single click, then find them again by searching for any word in the content of the page!

Delicious
Delicious is the place to collect and showcase your passions from across the web. Save what you like - videos, pictures, tweets, blog posts, or articles - on topics you enjoy and search through others' collections of links to discover cool stuff!

Jog The Web
Jog The Web is a web-based tool that allows anyone to create a synchronous guide to a series of web sites.

Netvibes
Netvibes is an excellent personalized dashboard for curating and organizing content aggregated from all around the web.

Collaborative Web Tools

Below are some web tools that will help you hold online and real-time discussions with your students, help them in their projects and assignments, guide their learning, do backchanneling, and synchronously moderate discussion threads and many more.

ChannelME
ChannelME is a great web tool. It allows its users to browse a particular website simultaneously. They are able to look at the same content of a web page with friends in real time and even chat with each other .

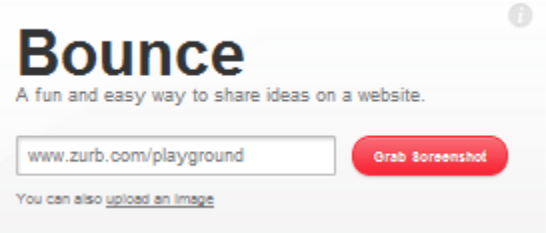
Search Team
It allows its users to search in small teams and collaborate to find the best search results. It is a collaborative tool that we can use with our students. Searching the web in such a way has never been this easy.

Mind42

Mind42 is a great collaborative mind mapping tool . It is a browser-based online mind mapping application that allows you to keep track of all your ideas and create easy mind maps .It does not require any download or installation software , just open up your browser and launch the application

Entri

Entri is a free collaborative tool for writing and sharing documents . It allows you to write your drafts and share them with your friends to get feedback before you publish them .



Bounce

It is " a little application that lets people quickly add feedback to any webpage and toss that back and forth with other people" . It is a fun and an easy way to share ideas on a website. Just type in the URL of the site and Bounce app grabs a screenshot for you to add notes and share it with others.

Wiggio

Wiggio makes group work much more easier as its easy and straightforward design provides everything you need to work productively in your groups. It is simple to use and has a very nice and flexible interface that makes it easy for students, parents, and teachers alike.

My Simple Surface
My Simple Surface is a very simple online whiteboard. It allows users to jot down and organize their ideas and share them with others.

Hackpad
This is a tool to develop collaborative note-taking and writing outlines. Classroom projects and group works can be a lot easier using Hackpad.

Synchtube
Synchtube is a great free service for watching videos. It allows users ,beside watching their favourite videos, to chat and talk about their videos in real time.

Dabbleboard
Dabbleboard is a great collaborative tool. It is basically a virtual whiteboard that allows users to create, collaborate and share. Teachers can use it for presentations, homework assignments, and study sessions.The basic version is free

Wizehive
Wizehive is a great web tool. It allows its users to share files, manage projects, track their activity and collaborate with others. It is basically a secure and private collaborative workspace that combines several tools into one single platform

Wunderkit
Wunderkit is a free collaborative workspace. This is a website that offers an open space for users to collaborate on projects and work they do.

Skype in Education
Skype in Education is a website created by the popular voice service Skype. It is designed specifically to meet teachers and students needs. This is basically a free global community of educators exchanging help and resources between each others in such an open way that any teacher can join instantly.

Titan Pad
It provides a free collaborative workspace for users. It is based on EtherPad set up to enable users to work on their documents in real time.

Thinkbinder
Thinkbinder is a free collabortive platfrom where students can easily create study groups. The website also features an open space or what is called a whiteboard where learners can work collaboratively together in solving problems and sharing sketches.

Dweeber
Dweeber is another collaborative platform that is designed to help students work on their homework. This website requires a free sign up and once students are logged in then they can instantly start building up their community of learners .

TeachBook
TeachBook is a professional community for educators. It is an online platform where teachers meet to discuss and share educational resources, videos , lesson plans and many more.

TodaysMeet
TodaysMeet helps you embrace the backchannel and connect with your audience in realtime. You can have your own room with your students where you they can use the live stream to make comments, ask questions, and many more.

Chatzy
Chatzy is a free web tool that lets you easily start a free private chat. It has no registration steps and does not require any installation .

Scribblar
Scribllar is a great simple and effective online collaboration tool. It provides a multi-user whiteboard, live audio, image collaboration, text chat and more.

CoSketch
CoSketch is a multi-user online whiteboard designed to give you the ability to quickly visualize and share your ideas as images. Anything you sketch will show up for all other users in the room in real time.

Twiddla
Twiddla is a no setup web-based meeting playground where you can mark up webpages, graphics, and photos, or start brainstorming on a blank canvas.

Slideshare Meetings
Slideshare, the popular document and presentation sharing platform, has also a collaborative feature in that it lets users switch slides together, highlight a particular area of the slide and many more.

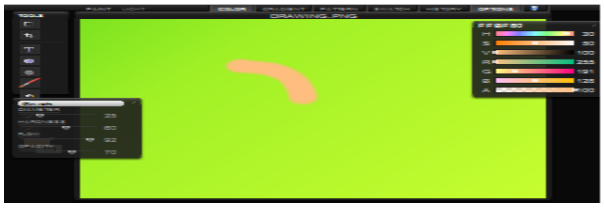
Neat Chat
Neat Chat is a web tool that lets you have an online conversation with a group of friends or colleagues. No signups or software installs are required.

Stinto
Stinto allows users to create their own free chat and invite others to join by sending them a simple link. Your chat is automatically disposed when not in use for some time

Zoho Writer
Zoho Writer is an online word processor that allows you to create and share documents online. Users can easily share documents online with friends on an individual basis and also in group and in real time.

Drawing and Painting Web Tools

Sketchfu
This is a great free web tool that allows users to easily draw and create sketches and share them with others. It requires a sign up.



Sketchpad
Sketchpad is a cool platform that you can use to make awesome drawings using text and a wide range of colours and patterns.

Comics
This is another cool website that lets users draw comics and share them with

others.

Quickmaps
Quickmaps allows users to draw a quick map. It is very easy to use but it requires a sign up which is completely free.

Tux Paint
This is a free drawing program for children ages 3 to 12. It has a user friendly interface, and fun sound effects. It is available for download for Windows XP, 2000, Vista 7.

Drawing Game Maker
This is a free drawing program for children with many nice options. It lets users draw with many different pens, and put stamps on their drawings. It is available for download for free.

Livebrush
Livebrush is a drawing application. It employs an easy-to-use brush tool that reacts to your gesture. By combining simple motion controls with brush styles, Livebrush offers a fun and unique way to create graphics.

FlockDraw
FlockDraw is a free to use online whiteboard based painting and drawing tool. It makes it easy to draw online free with multiple people .

DoInk
DoInk is a simple and friendly vector editor that lets users create flash-style animations.

Chogger
Chogger is simple platform where you can use different tools to create awesome drawings. It is free and web based.

Colour Lovers
This is a creative community where people from around the world create and share colors, palettes and patterns, discuss the latest trends and explore colorful articles.

Psyko Paint
Psykopaint is a website where users learn and enjoy painting using a wide variety of tools such as brushes, pencils, and many more. It is so much fun to use.

Kerproof
You have probably already heard about this tool. Kerprof has a section dedicated for users to create and exercise their drawing skill using several tools.

Odosketch
Odosketch is another cool tool that lets you create great looking sketches for free. It requires a sign up.

Pencil
Pencil is an animation/ drawing software for Mac OS X, Windows, and Linux. It lets you create traditional hand-drawn animation (cartoon) using both bitmap and vector graphics. Pencil is free and open source. it requires download.

Comic Strips Tools

1- Cartoon Resources

Cagle Cartoons

This is a great resource for cartoons about education. I really love the work this guy does in this website .

Today's Cartoon

This is another awesome resource of educational cartoons for teachers. The cartoons are copyrighted and you need a prior permission to use them.

Andertoons

This is one of the most popular cartoon resource in the educational arena. I have shared some of their cartoons before.

Cartoons for The Classroom

This website offers teachers lesson plans based on specific cartoons that can be filled in and printed

ABC Tooner

This is a resource of comic strips for kids. It has cartoons for kids of all ages

Teacher First Comic

This website offers several tips and resources on teaching using comic strips and cartoons

Flummery

This page has links to some great resources on teaching using comics. It also has links to lesson plans and classroom activities using cartoons.

2- Cartoon Creation Tools

Witty Comics

This is a great web tool that allows you to create your own comics using some pre drawn characters, backgrounds and dialogue boxes.

Comic Creator

Comic Creator is a service provided by the popular Read Write Think website. It is structured in such a way that you only provide the input and then generate comics.

Make Belief Comics

This one is similar to Witty Comics. It provides dialogue boxes and pre made characters and backgrounds and all you have to do is fill in what your cartoon will be about before generating it and even sharing it with others.

Strip Generator

Strip Generator allows you to easily draw your comic strips using characters and objects provided in their library

Chogger

Chogger has a comic builder that lets you draw your own comics, caption photos, take webcam pictures and add speech balloons.

Word Cloud Tools

Word cloud tools have a great importance in education. Many teachers use them to perform several learning activities for their students. Generally speaking, a word cloud is a graphical representation of word frequency. It basically features the prominent words that are so often cited in a piece of text.

Tips for teachers on how to use word clouds tools

Some of the tips included here are provided by 21st Century Edtech

- Use word cloud tools to brain storm a topic or create a discussion either inside the class or online
- Use them to teach vocabulary
- Use them in reading activities to promote comprehension
- Students can use them to feature important ideas from a discussion or a video content
- The entire class can use word clouds to react to a certain topic
- Have students create word clouds that generate understanding of a concept, standards or vocabulary word.
- Illustrate classroom thoughts or views using a word cloud to survey students.
- Create a class word cloud that highlights class expectation
- Post students first names to create a class or group word cloud

Here is a list of free Word Cloud Generators :

Worlde

This is a great tool for generating word clouds from text that you type in. Words that appear more frequently in your text tend to have more prominence. Worlde also allows its users to customize their clouds with various fonts, layouts and colours. Once done you can print out your clouds or save them to Worlde gallery to share with others.

Tagul

This is a web service that enables users to create awesome word clouds. It also has more or less the same functions as Worlde above . It requires a sing up.

Word It Out

This is another awesome word cloud tool. It is very simple and easy to use. Just type in your text and click on word it button and you will get a generated word cloud that you can save using an email address. What is even cool about Word It Out is that it allows you to create word clouds of a whole web page, a document, or even a table.

ABCYa

This is a word cloud tool for kids. It works the same way other tools work. Just type in a text and press the arrow button to view the word cloud generated.

Tagxedo

Tagxedo is an awesome word cloud tool that turns words from any source into a visually appealing cloud that highlights the frequencies of occurrence within the body of text.

Word Mosaic

This is a cool word cloud tool. It generates word clouds in the form of hearts that can be sent as a greeting or be posted on Facebook or a blog

Tag Crowd

This tool allows users to create engaging word clouds out of three text sources ; the URL of a web page, copy and paste, or uploaded text file with a maximum of 5 MB.

You are your Words

This is The American Heritage Dictionary that allows users to create a self-portrait using their words. Users can also link to places like Facebook for words they have already written. The generated image will then be saved or shared with others.

Flashcard Making Tools

FauxFlash

FauxFlash is a great online application that takes the hassle out of flash cards and lets you easily get right to studying.

Flashcard DB

FlashcardDB is another cool web tool that allows users to make , study and share flashcards online.

FunnelBrain

FunnelBrain gives your students a new way to learn. It lets you form study teams, play games, take quizzes, and create flashcards.

4- StudyDroid

You can use StudyDroid to create cards on the web right from your browser. It supports text, images and many more.

Braineos

Braines is an awesome web tool where students can create flashcards, and play games. It also has a search functionality in case you want to discover others flashcards.

ProProfs Flashcards

This is an online free flashcards maker that lets users print, download, and study using free flashcard software.

Cobo Cards

Cobo Cards is a great free flashcard software that enables users to create- alone or in team - flash cards online and save your knowledge.

Study Stack

StudyStack automatically creates activities based on the data from your flashcard. This tool is very easy to use and has a user friendly interface.

Edisco

Edisco is another great free software that allows users to create and share flashcards

Screenshot Taking Tools

Site2Pic

This is one of my favourite screen capturing tools. It is very easy to use and does not require any installation or download. Just head over to its main page and enter in the URL of the webpage you want to capture and Site2pic will instantly provide you with a screenshot of that website. You can share the screenshot using the unique image URL Site2Pic generates for you.

Puush

Puush is a free tool that lets you share screenshots and files. Use keyboard shortcuts provided to quickly capture any portion of your screen or upload any file. It can store up to 200 MB of files for free.

Four Screen Sharing Extensions

Here is a list of four free screen sharing tools teachers can use to share their screens with their colleagues or students particularly when working on classroom projects or tutorials.

Chrome Screenshot Extensions :

LightShot

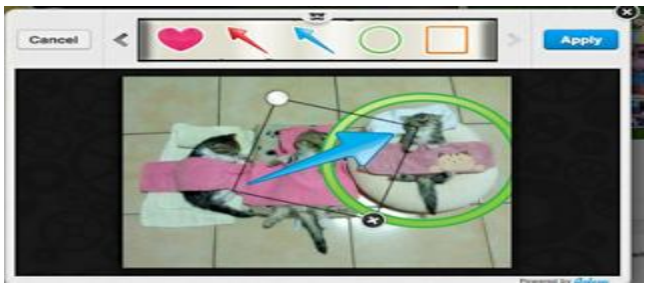
This is a great screen capture extension that works on Chrome. Besides being able to take a screenshot of a webpage or part of a webpage, LightShot lets you also takes screenshots from videos and share them with others. It is really great.

Explain and Send Screenshots

This extension lets you capture a webpage, write text, draw arrows, and circles on it and share it with a direct link to the screenshot without a frame

Pixlr Grabber

This extension allows users to edit, save or share screen grabs and images.



Aviary

Aviary allows users to edit any photo on the web without leaving the page using Aviary's super simple photo editor. Just right-click and select " edit image "

Webpage Screenshot

This is one of the most popular and most installed extension. It is fast and simple way to save screenshots of any webpage and is completely free.

Awesome Screenshot

This add-on allows users to capture the whole page or any portion, annotate it with rectangles, circles, arrows, lines and text, blur sensitive info and many more.

Screen Capture

This tool lets you capture visible content of a tab, a region of a web page, or the whole page as a PNG image. It supports horizontal and vertical scrolling.

File Sharing Tools

Here are some great file sharing tools to try :

Transfer Big Files

This is a three step process to share your large files : choose your files, add recipients, add message.

Fileai.com

This is a web service to securely share files that are too big to e-mail for free. It is fast and does not require any software download.

File Dropper

File Dropper is a simple file hosting and sharing website. It lets you upload up to 5GB file and get a personal link to share with others.

Drop Send

This is a web service that allows you to send large files up to 2GB. You can also use it to store important files and access them anywhere.

Big 2 Send

2 Big 2 Send allows users to send large files fast and securely. They have 15 GB professional plan for only 10$ a month.

Giga Size

Giga Size lets you upload large files to store them online for instant access and sharing.

Drive

This is a web tool that lets you securely store, manage and share all of your large files including music, videos, photos, documents and more.

Audio Tools

Audacity

Audacity is a free **audio web2.0 tool** . It is an open software for recording and editing sounds . **Audacity** is available for most of the operating systems such as Windows ,Mac OSX, GNU, and Lunux

Wavosaur

Wavosaur is another **free audio software** .It is like Audacity but with some more features .Wavosaur allows you to edit sounds and record the one you want . It is all free and does not require any software installation .

Audioboo

Audioboo is a very sophisticated platform for recording and sharing **audio** files and clips , a very important podcasting tool for teachers. It is very simple to use and doesn't call for any special computer training .

Audio Expert

AudioExpert is a free online audio editor. It allows its users to both convert different audio files and record sounds.

File Lab

Fire Lab is an online audio editor that allows users to rework their audio files and get completely new refined and enhanced effects output track

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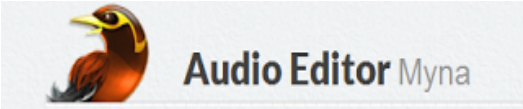


Aviary

Aviary lets you trim, loop, stretch and reverse your audio clips and add sound effects or record your own voice.

Bibliography and Citation Tools

The tools included below are among the best web services you can find online to help with the integration of bibliography and citations into documents. They cover different style formats including APA, MLA, and Chicago.

Bibme

This is the fully automatic bibliography maker that auto-fills. It is the easiest way to build a works cited page.

Easy Bib

This is another great tool for students to help them with citing their bibliographies it includes things such as radio shows, recorded music, and even works of arts from museums.

RefWorks

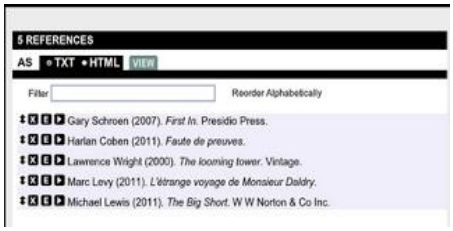
This is an online research management, writing and collaboration tool. It is designed to help researchers easily gather, manage, store and share all types of information, as well as generate citations and bibliographies.

Oregon Public Education Citation Maker for MLA

This is a fantastic tool for students. It gives them the freedom to cite different kinds of sources including anthologies, story collection, and web pages.

Citation Machine

This one helps students and professional researchers to properly credit the information that they use. Its primary goal is to make it easy for student researchers to cite their information sources.



refDot

This is a chrome extension that lets users easily grab references for use in bibliographies. It is very easy to use and once it is installed all you need to do is to click on its icon and a small window will pop up where you can fill in bibliographic information.

Citelighter

This is a wonderful tool that allows users to bookmark sections of webpages together with the information needed to create an APA, MLA, or Chicago style bibliography.

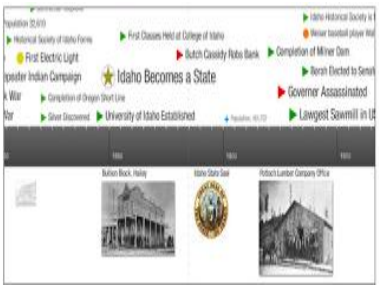
Citefast

This is a tool I just learned about from one of my readers and I am adding it now to this list. Citefast is a fast an accurate citation generator. It generates bibliography, in-text citations and a title page in APA 6th edition, MLA and Chicago.

Timeline Creation Tools

TikiToki

TikiToki is a great application for multimedia timelines making . It allows its users to create stunning animated timelines. TikiToKi is very easy to use and above all its basic version is completely free .



Time Glider

This is a web tool that lets you create, collaborate on, and publish zooming/planning interactive timelines for free.It is like Google Maps but for time.

OurStory

Ourstory enables you to write stories, tag friends, and add media to collaborative timelines either privately or in public.

Capzles

Capzles lets you create rich media experiences with videos, photos, music, blogs and documents.

Read Write Think

Read Write Think has a beautiful timeline tool that allows users to add project labels and easily create timelines.

Xtimeline

Xtimeline is a free web-based timeline that you can use to easily create and share timelines with pictures and videos.

TimeToast

TimeToast is another great tool that allows you to create timelines and share them on the web. The process only takes a couple of minutes and is very simple to use.

Dipity

Dipity is a free digital timeline website. Users can create, share embed and collaborate on interactive, visually engaging timelines that integrate video, audio, images, text, links, social media, location and timestamps.

Grading Tools

Engrade

It is the number one online gradebook in class management system with more than 2 million members . **Engrade** is completely free and is a great way to post class information for students and parents .

Plan Boo Edu

Plan Book Edu helps you with your lesson planning and makes your plans available anywhere you go. It also lets you attach files, Common Core Standards, print, export to Word or PDF, and share with your colleagues.

School Crcuit

This is an awesome platofrm where you easily create and use your online gradebook, check your grades instantly and find posted assignments and interact with your students.

LearnBoost

LearnBoost provides you with all the software you need to manage your classroom and school. It offers an online gradebook, lesson planning tools and many more.

Schoology

Use Schoology to manage your lessons, gradebooks, engage your students, share content, and connect with other educators.

Edmodo

Edmodo provides a safe and easy way for your class to connect and collaborate, share content, and access homework, grades and school notices.

Photo Tools

Aviary

This is a web based tool that lets you edit images and share them online. It also offers a suite of powerful tools such as effects editor, audio and music creator and many more.

Pixenate

This is a photo editing platform that provides a set of tools to work on your images and share them with others.

Picresize

This a tool that lets you resize your pictures to fit in a certain measures. It is great for creating pictures with specific pixel measurement.

Dr Pic

This is an easy free online picture editor that allows you to make all kinds of tweaking on your images.

Pixlr

This is another great photo editor to add tweaks and effects to your images before you share them.

BeFunky

This is a tool to transform your images into extraordinary works of art in just a few clicks

Foto Flexer

This is an advanced photo editor that allows you to create dazzling photo effects for free in your browser.

Clipica

This is a free web app that lets you upload and host images on the web just by pasting them into the browser.

Cropp.me

Cropp.me, as its name suggests, is a web tool that allows you to crop your images in different sizes. You will need to upload pics to crop.

PicMonkey

This web tool allows you to edit your photos and create a collage for them.It also provides awesome frames for your pictures.

Picozu

Picozu is an image drawing and photo retouching application built on Javascript, HTML5 and CSS3.It requires a modern browser if you want to play with it.

Any Making

This tool allows you to apply a lot of nice and fun photo editing effects to joke with your friends. You can make a beautiful artworks from your everyday pictures.

Pic Ghost

This one here lets you : select multiple images from your computer or any other online resource, edit and resize your ulpoaded images, and preview edited images then download them.

PiZap

Pizap lets you edit photos, make a collage, change photo backgrounds, add timeline covers, web effects and many more.

iPiccy

iPiccy makes your photo awesome with many easy to use photo tools. It also allows you to edit pictures, apply beautiful photo effects, add text and even paint.

Pictful

This is another awesome photo editing platform where you can upload photos and add your own personal effect to them before you share them with others.

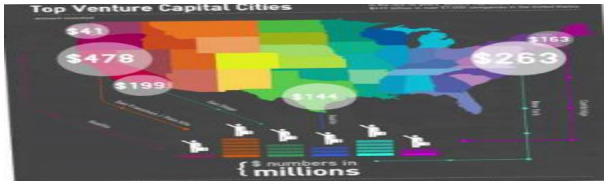
Clip your Photos

this tool lets you customize your photos and play with them as you want. You can , for instance, add rippled reflection to your photos and make them look fancy and hilarious.

Tuxpi Photo Editor

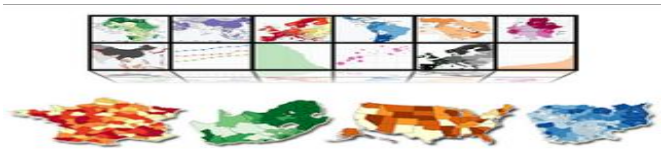
This is a photo editor that allows you to change colors, add frames and borders, crop, rotate and resize your pictures.

Infographics Creation Tools



Easel.ly

This is a great tool that allows users to create visually rich infographics from pre-designed themes. It is very easy to use and only drag and drop. It actually supports Chrome, Firefox, and Safari.

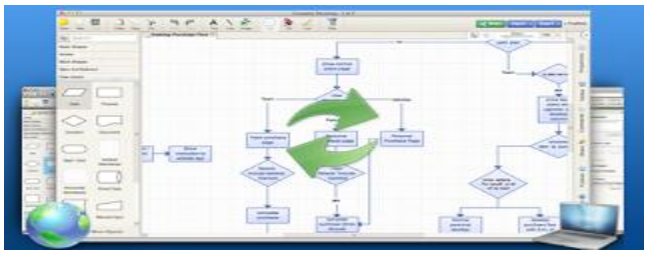


Stat Planet

This one here allows users to create amazing visualisations and share them with others. It can be used either within your browser or download the software for free.

Hohli

This is an awesome chart maker. It is very easy to use : just pick up your chart type, add some data, customize the size and colors,

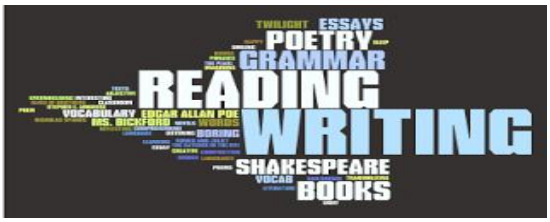


Creately

This is also a great tool in creating diagrams and flow charts. It provides pre-designed templates and diagram types. Just fill in your data and share with others.

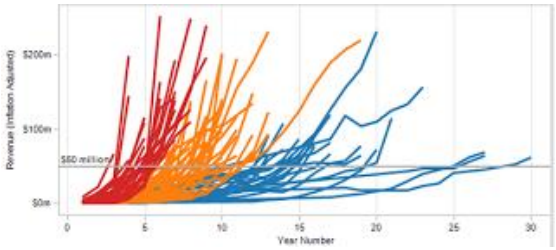
Many Eyes

This is one of the easiest of them all. It provides you with a set of pre-made visualisations that you can fill in with your data or use their data.



Wordle

This is a text based visualisation tool. It basically lets users create their own word clouds based on interesting pre-made designs.



Tableau

This works just on Windows. It allows users to create interactive visualisations with colourful and unique themes. They can also share them with others or embed them in their websites. It is very easy to use and is completely free.

Inkspace

This is also a free infographic creation tool. It has a simple and intuitive interface and besides being able to create your own inforgraphics, it also allows you to import your visualisations and combine them with other visuals to create your own chef-d'oeuvre. (It requires download)

Map Creation Tool

Umapper

UMapper is a great mapping tool for educators. It allows its users to create and manage interactive maps and geogames online. These maps can be shared with others or be embedded in blogs and websites

MapTiler

This a tool that allows users to create overlay of standard maps like Google Maps, and Yahoo Maps and can also be visualized in 3D form.

Build A Map

This is another cool tool for teachers to create maps. Build A Map is powered by Google Maps and provides a wide range of tools to easily build interactive online maps.

World Map

This one here is being developed by Center for Geographic Analysis at Harvard University and allows users to easily build their own mapping portal and publish it to the world or to just a few collaborators.

Map Faire

This is a cool tool for teachers to create awesome maps and share them with their students. Map Faire has a simple and student friendly interface and is very easy to use.

MapFab

This is a Google Maps editor that offers you a clever way to easily create and share your Google Maps .

Target Map

Target Map allows you to : easily create customized Data Maps on Google Maps, locate & see your Excel data on Google Maps, and share your knowledge with others.

Scribble Maps

This tool allows users to easily draw on maps and then share them with friends and colleagues. It is also very easy to use and offers some awesome features for free.

Animaps

Animaps extends the My Maps feature of Google Maps by letting you create maps with markers that move, images and text that pop up on cue, and lines and shapes that change over time.

PDF Tools

PDF Aid

PDF Aid is a cool web tool that allows users to easily extract images from PDF files. The tool is completely free and very simple to use. I have tried it and it is working quite satisfactorily. If you have a PDF containing several images and wondered how to extract all these images with a single click then PDF Aid will definitely be your solution.

PDF Reader

PDF Reader is an amazing free tool that you can use to annotate your PDFs just as if you are editing a word document.

PDF to Excel Converter

PDF to Excel Converter is a cool web tool that allows users to turn any PDF to Excel for easy editing.

PDF Converter

PDF Converter is a great tool that allows its users to create PDFs from virtually any document format or convert PDF documents to Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

Web2PDF

This service is particularly useful for those who have already set up a classroom blog or website or even a personal blog. Web2PDF Online allows its users to easily convert HTML to PDF so that visitors to your blog can save information on your website in the form of a PDF.

Booklet Creator

As its name entails , it enables users to easily and quickly convert any PDF document to a printable booklet.

PageFlipFlap

It allows its users to convert any Word or PDF document into a flip book. I personally like the sleek and clean format of flip books. They are such an enjoyment to read.

I Love PDF

This tool allows its users to either merge several PDF files into one or split them. This is very easy to use and does not require any download or installation software.

PDF to Word

PDF to Word is a great web2.0 tool that allows it users to quickly convert their PDFs into other word formats

Bee PDF

Bee PDF is a free hosting and sharing website . It allows its users to upload their PDFs and share them with others

HTML to PDF

HTML to PDF is a simple converter that can turn any web page or blog post to a PDF document in seconds.

BlogBooker

It allows you to " produce a high-quality PDF blog book from all your blog entries and comments . Archives can be generated from any blog running on Wordpress, Blogger , Live Journal and its derivatives . The whole process takes about 3 to 4 minutes depending on the size of your blog."

PDF Tools for Researchers

Here is a list of some awesome PDF tools that can be use by researchers, teachers, and students. (click on the title to access them)

Survey / Poll making Tools

Kwiqpoll

This is a simple poll making tool. It does not require any registration. Just visit the homepage and start creating you poll right away. You have the choice to provide multiple choice answers. You will also be provided with a generated URL to use when sharing your polls.

Flisti

This is another great simple poll tool. It is very easy to use and resembles Kwiqpoll in that it does not call for any sign up. Just head over to its main page and start working on your poll. You can add as many answers as you want to your poll. Again , you can embed your polls in your blog, wiki or website

Urtak

This tool allows users to create polls using yes or no multiple questions. Besides the services it shares with the two above tools I mentioned Urtak also allows visitors to your poll to provide their own questions.

Vorbeo

This is another free and simple to use poll tool. Teachers can use it to create their own polls and customize them the way they want by adding colours, adjusting width and many more before sharing them on their blogs or websites.

Polldaddy

This is another popular polling service that allows users to create free polls and surveys containing up to ten questions.

Micropoll

Micropoll allows users to instantly create a poll using a set of questions and answers then one email address. It also provides embed codes to share polls online.

Quizsnack

I have already included this tool in the list of Teachers Quiz tools and I am adding it here because it also has an option for users to create their polls and share them online. It is also just as easy and simple as the other tools mentioned above.

Obsurvey

This is a great utility for creating instant surveys. It is dead simple, just visit its main page , type in your questions and answers using their text editor and there you go.

Kwik Surveys

This is another great polling service. It allows users to design their own surveys, form, polls and feedback forms. It is free but it does require a sign up.

Polleverywhere

This is a great polling tool. I could not go ahead with my list without mentioning it here. It has different pricing plans and also has a free plan but very limited and allows for just 40 responses per poll. Check it out

Poll Junkie

This is a simple free service for creating instant polls. It lets users specifiy an expiry date for their polls and also opt for email notification to be notified each time there is an anwser to the poll.

Yarp

This is another easy and simple poll creating tool. It basically allows users to create their own surveys or online invitations. It does not require any registration

Swayable

This survey creation tool has a particular service which is that of creating a survey that includes two photos and a question. It is awesome try it out. It also requires a registration.

Survey Mapper

This is a free real-time geographic survey and polling tool which has also the same basic functions as most of the tools above. There is also a featured tutorial on its homepage to walk you through the process of creating a survey. It requires a registration.

Tools to Publish Students Work

Flipsnack

Fipsnack is an online flipping book software that allows you to convert PDF documents into Flash page flip digital publications ideal for publishing students work.

Issuu

This is another populat website where you can upload and share your students work very easily and for free.

Tikatok

Tikatok lets you easily create an unlimited books online . You can add author biography, upload images and save them in your persona; image gallery.

Mixbook

Mixbook lets you make completely customizable photo books, yearbooks, cards, and calendars and many more.

ePub Bud

ePub Bud is another great platform that you can use to create a digital publication and share it with the world. It is easy to use and free of charge.

Lulu

Lulu is a website that lets you publish print books and ebooks for free. You can also control your work and reach more readers.

Tools to Create eMamagazines and Newspapers for your Class

Uniflip

UniFlip converts your magazine, brochure or catalog from its original PDF format into an exciting, professional multi-media digital format with pages that flip.

Joomag

Joomag is a web tool that lets you create your own magazines using a simple online editor. You can draw shapes, write texts, add rich media elements like video and audio players.

Scribd

Scribd is known for being a reading library where you can search for and find ebooks and slides but it is also a magazine creator which allows users to upload their own content and turn it into a magazine

Issuu

This is like Scribd above. You can use it both as a document search engine and also as a magazine creator.

Zinepal

This tools lets you create an ebook or magazine from posts and articles of a blog. Just paste in the url of the story and Zinepal does the rest.

Build A Newspaper

This one is a professional platform that provides teacher based templates to create mazagines. These magazines , however, are not free.

Fodey

This is most simple of all the tools mentioned here. It also does not have many features yet you can use it to create a newspaper for your class. Just fill in your information and Fodey generates your newspaper.

Open Zine

This is another web tool that allows users to create their own magazines without any need for advanced tech knowledge.

Calameo

Publish your magazine, presentations or documents and share them with the world. Embed rich-media content to your publications like videos and audios.

Quiz Creation Tool

Just remember that no software would ever replace the human brain. The teacher might use these tools but it is he who knows what his/her students have been studying, their performance level and expectations. Use these tools as you see fit.

Yacapaca

Yacapaca is a great web tool for educators. It allows teachers to have access to a plethora of already made quizes. They can also make their own using the provided tools there.

Hot Potatoes

Hot Potatoes is another awesome tool that allows teachers to create interactive quizzes. This one here requires a download.

Web Quest

It is basically a Web-based software for creating WebQuests in a short time without the need for any HTML Coding. I have been going around its main features and was enthralled by the great wealth of educational materials it has.

Quiz Me Online

This is basically a social network for students where they can create and take pre-made quizzes. It is really a great learning tool for students for they can also be able to take notes, create their own flashcards and join study groups.

Learn Click

Learn Click allows users to quickly create simple and online quizzes.The format of these quizzes is mainly fill-in the blanks.

Seterra

This is a website that provides a wide range of geography quizzes. These quizzes can be downloaded and they cover everything from country identification to identifying physical geographic features like mountains, seas, and rivers.

Google Forms

In your Google Docs account select Forms and start creating your quiz. The process is very simple and easy. You can choose between multiple choices questions and other forms. When you are done you can then download and share it.

Flubaroo

This a great tool for teachers. It helps them grade quizzes that they administer through Google Docs. It is also very easy to use and provides step by step directions for using the script.

Snacktools

This website offers several services to web users and among the things it has is Quiz Snack. This latter allows users to create free quizzes and polls and post them on their blogs or wikis.

Road to Grammar

Road to Grammar has several educational resources such as games, quizzes and lessons for English language learners. There is feedback for each quiz here to show the learner whether the answer is correct or not.

Testmoz

This a tool that allows users to create and administer multiple choice tests online. It also lets administrators see who has taken the test and how many questions they answered correctly.

Zoho Challenge

This is another tool that you can use to create and administer tests.. You can include either multiple choice or open-ended questions or a both of them.

ProProf Quiz Maker

Using this tool teachers will be able to control which users can access a test and also be able to place a limit on how many times a test can be taken. Quiz takers can get feedback on their performance too.

That Quiz

This is one of the oldest tools online. It is very known and many educators use it worldwide. That Quiz allows users to write and find quizzes that students can take. You can also share your quizzes with other teachers and check thiers. This is really a great website.

Quiz Tree

This website provides a plethora of games and activities that you can use as quizzes with your students. Most of these materials are web based and some are even available for download.

Fling the Teacher

This is a website that offers more than history quiz games. Each quiz has an average of 40 to 50 questions. Users need to create their own custom game character before they start using it.

Resources to Learn and Teach about Copyright Issues

As more and more of our students are having free access to internet and its plethora of resources, copyright issues jump to the surface and it becomes incumbent on us as educators and teachers to help these students learn about how to respect copyrights and avoid infringement issues.
Students need to understand that not everything online can be used freely. There are laws and regulations they must abide by to become good netizens. In this regard, Educational Technology and Mobile Learning has compiled a list of some great tools that you can use to teach your students about copyright issues. Check them

Teach Copyright
Teach Copyright is a great website where teachers and students can learn about interesting questions about copyright, technology, and law.

Copyright Advisory Network

This website is a way for librarians to learn about copyright and see feedback and advice from fellow librarians and copyright specialists.

Center for Social Media

Center for Social Media has a great document entitled The Code of Best Practices in Fair Use for Media Literacy Education where you can learn a great deal of tips about copyright issues.

Copyright Confusion

This is an awesome wiki that is teeming with tips and guidelines on the fair use of online resources and copyrighted materials .

Creative Commons

This is where you can learn everything about Creative Commons and how you can share and also protect your online resources using the CCs.

Copyright 101 for Educators:

WVTI

This is a must read page about the implications of copyright issues when using technology in the classroom with our students.

Teachers First

Teachers First has compiled sereval great resources on copyright links and articles. Check them out they are really useful.

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